

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 stand allowed.

Claims 4 and 7 have been amended to clarify the present invention.

Claim 7, as now amended, is to a shock absorbing apparatus that has a fixation member that is stationary on an internal component and designed to be installed in an electronic apparatus, and an erect plate that continuously extends from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component, and a shock absorbing member adhered on front and back sides of the erect plate, while Claim 4 is to an internal component assembly that has an internal component for an electronic apparatus and the described fixation member, erect plate and adhered shock absorbing member.

Such arrangements are not taught or suggested in the reference cited.

Reconsideration and removal of the rejection of Claims 4-9 as anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) by JP 11-177261 are respectfully requested in view of the present amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

In Claims 4 and 7, as now amended, the shock absorbing member is adhered on front and back sides of the erect plate.

As previously pointed out, with this structure, the shock absorbing member stays on the erect plate even when the entire internal component assembly is taken out of the electronic apparatus or even when the shock absorbing apparatus is removed from the internal component. This facilitates handling of the internal component assembly or the shock absorbing apparatus. Also, the shock absorbing member would not be lost or displaced even when the entire internal component assembly

is taken out of the electronic apparatus or even when the shock absorbing apparatus is removed from the internal component, since the shock absorbing member is adhered to and not separable from the erect plate.

In the Office Action, it is alleged that JP 11-177261 discloses a shock absorbing member 4, 5 being coupled to primary member 22 (see 1b). The Office Action appears to be misleading. The invention defined in Claims 4 and 7 has nothing to do with the “primary member.” The primary member is a part of the enclosure as disclosed in JP 11-177261. See the English translation paragraph [0031] of JP 11-177261. The invention defined in Claims 4 and 7 is completely independent of the enclosure. Also, the Office Action seems to equate the term “fixed,” defined in the current Claims 4 and 7, with the term “coupled.” The Office Action appears to try emphasizing that the term “fixed” includes the meaning of being “separable” from the erect plate. If so, the term “adhered,” as now provided in the claims, should fully be distinguished over the term “fixed” or “coupled.” A shock absorbing member “adhered” to the erect plate is not at all disclosed in JP 11-177261.

In JP 11-177261, shock absorbing members are separable from the erect plate. The shock absorbing members are handled completely separately from the fixation member mounted on the internal component. The shock absorbing member is only designed to “receive” the erect plate. This causes problems because the operator should handle the shock absorbing members and the fixation member separately, causing problems that will not arise with the present claimed arrangement.

In view of the present amendments to Claims 4 and 7, and the above remarks, Claims 4-9, in addition to Claims 1-3 are believed to be patentable and early action towards allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

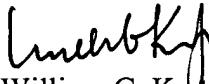
If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 4, as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) An internal component assembly comprising:
 - an internal component for an electronic apparatus;
 - a fixation member stationary on the internal component;
 - an erect plate continuously extending from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component; and
 - a shock absorbing member [fixed] adhered on front and back sides of the erect plate.

Please amend Claim 7, as follows:

7. (Twice Amended) A shock absorbing apparatus comprising:
 - a fixation member stationary on an internal component designed to be installed in an electronic apparatus;
 - an erect plate continuously extending from the fixation member so as to stand on an outer surface of the internal component; and
 - a shock absorbing member [fixed] adhered on front and back sides of the erect plate.